

## **Benton County judge to announce election plans**

**By the Herald staff**

Judge Joe Burrowes will kick off his official campaign today to keep the Benton County District Court job he was first appointed to in 2007.

Burrowes plans to announce his candidacy at 12:30 p.m. at Tony Roma's Restaurant off Gage Boulevard in Kennewick.

The Benton County commissioners in September promoted Burrowes to a full judge position, months after moving to a five-judge, zero-court commissioner system for District Court.

He previously was a court commissioner for a little over two years.

Burrowes said it's an honor and privilege to serve Benton County citizens.

"A judge should have qualities of mind and heart, together with legal skill and knowledge, to effectively and efficiently handle many diverse cases day in and day out," he said. "I believe I bring experience, respect, compassion and the ability to make decisions based on the law."

He is a graduate of Richland High School, Columbia Basin College, Washington State University Tri-Cities and Gonzaga University School of Law.